1. Call to Order and Roll Call
   County Board Chair, Al Sleeter, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. the County Board Room #3041, located at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI by stating “This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same, as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the office of the County Clerk.” County Clerk, Kim Pytleski, recorded the attendance, with 28 members present: Supervisors Augustine, Barkhaus, Bartels, Behrend, Bitters, Buhrandt, Christianson, Cole, Dhuey, Frank, Gooding, Heise, Kaczrowski, Kroll, Lavarda, Matravers, Meier, Onidik, Parmentier, Pillsbury, Ragen, Scanlan, Schindel, Schreiber, Sleeter, Willems, Wittkopf, Wolf; 3 absent: Holman, McMahon, Schneider

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. The Invocation was given by Supervisor Kroll

4. Presentation of Awards and Recognition
   Ken Dolata, County Conservationist, and Brenda Nordin, Wisconsin DNR Water Resource Management Specialist, introduced Floyd Schmidt as the recipient of the 2023 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award for his dedication to Wisconsin Lakes. A short presentation followed.

5. Presentation of Communications and Petitions
   Five communications were presented:
   - A thank you card dated May 8, 2023 addressed to the Oconto County Board of Supervisors, from Ann Hogan, Retired Town of Riverview Chairperson, thanking the board for support of the Northern Riverview Office; treated as information to the board and forward to the Public Safety and Land & Water Resource Committees.
   - Three emails regarding R2023-05-10 To Declare Oconto County’s Support of the People’s Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms While Supporting Advancements in Education on Firearm Safety; an email dated May 15, 2023 from Teresa Duaime, email dated May 15, 2023 from Mark Smith, and an email dated May 17, 2023 from Jane Benson; treated as information to the board.
   - Mitch Olson, Bug Tussle Chief Development Officer & General Counsel, presented the Rural Open Access Design to Digital Equality Tower and Fiber Status and took questions from the board following agenda item 9.4. Supervisor Holman present at 9:18 a.m. Supervisor McMahon present at 9:20 a.m.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda
   6.1. Removal of Items from Consent Agenda
   Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, requested Item #6.9 be removed from the consent agenda. Motion by Behrend/Schindel to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion to approve carried by a unanimous electronic vote 30 Ayes, 1 absent (Schneider).
   6.2. O2023-05-01 American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Oconto County Youth Fair Show Ring Project – Admin. Com.
   6.3. R2023-05-01 Chapter 5 – County Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101 – Administration Com.
   6.4. R2023-05-02 Establishment of a Broadband Taskforce for the BEAD Planning Grant – Administration Com & P&T Com.
   6.5. R2023-05-03 Building “B” Roof Replacement Project – P&T Com.
   6.6. R2023-05-04 Approval of Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (Bead) Planning Grant and Memorandum of Understanding – P&T Com.

7. Approval of Regular Agenda
   7.1. Change in Sequence – None
   7.2. Removal of Items – None
   Motion by Kroll/Behrend to approve agenda as amended. The motion was voted on and carried.

8. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings
   Motion by Matravers/Kaczrowski to approve the proceedings from the April 18, 2023 meeting with the correction of 23 members present instead of 31 members present, 8 absent. The motion was voted on and carried.
9. Committee and Departmental Reports:
   9.1. Report – Health & Human Services
       Scott Shackleford, Health & Human Services Director, presented the Health & Human Services update. Discussion followed.
   9.2. Report – Oconto County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC) Update
       Jayme Sellen, OCEDC Director, presented the Oconto County Economic Development Corporation Update.
   9.3. Report – Human Resources Update
       Shelly Schultz, Human Resource Director, presented the Human Resources Update. Discussion followed.
   9.4. Report – Bridge Aid Petitions
       The Bridge Aid Petition was included in the agenda packet for information.

Item #5 Communication from Bug Tussle.

Supervisor Schneider present at 9:26 a.m.

Recess 9:54 a.m. – 10:06 a.m.

10. Order 2023-02 Order by Oconto County Board of Supervisors Establishing the following Public Inland Lake District: White Potato Inland Lake District, Oconto County, Wisconsin
    Motion by Dhuey/Cole to adopt Order 2023-02 Order by Oconto County Board of Supervisors Establishing the following Public Inland Lake District: White Potato Inland Lake District, Oconto County, Wisconsin. Following an explanation by Ken Dolata, County Conservationist, and Bob Wittman, White Potato Lake Representative and discussion, motion to adopt carried by an electronic vote of 28 ayes, 2 nays (Lavarda, Buhrandt), 1 abstain (Dhuey).

11. Appointment – White Potato Lake District (Schneider) – County Administrator
    Motion by Meier/Cole to approve the appointment of Keith Schneider to the White Potato Lake District for a term ending April 16, 2024. The motion to approve carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

12. Appointment – Library Planning Committee – County Administrator
    Motion by Kroll/Bitters to approve the Library Planning Committee Appointments. Motion by Dhuey/Lavarda to amend line 20 to read “Tom Bitters, David Parmentier, County Board Supervisor-Served by a Library”. Following discussion, the motion to approve carried by an electronic vote of 29 ayes, 1 nay (Frank), 1 abstain (Parmentier).

6.9 R2023-05-07 Approval of Proposal and Agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. for Campground Development – L&W Com.
    Motion by Schneider/Lavarda to approve R2023-05-07 Approval of Proposal and Agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. for Campground Development. Following an explanation by Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, motion by Barkhaus/Scanlan to amend line 10 to read “and administration of construction for a proposed ATV Park to develop an ATV focused Campground, Trailhead and Parking Lot in the SESE of Section 28, T32N R16E in the Town of Riverview; and”. The motion was voted on and carried. The motion to approve R2023-05-07, as amended, carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

13. R2023-05-10 To Declare Oconto County’s Support of the People’s Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms While Supporting Advancements in Education on Firearm Safety – Public Safety Com.
    Motion by Parmentier/Behrend to approve R2023-05-10 To Declare Oconto County’s Support of the People’s Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms While Supporting Advancements in Education on Firearm Safety. Jolene Barkhaus, County Board Supervisor District 9, presented and offered suggested amendments. Following further discussion, Supervisor Scanlan yielded the floor to Ken Sikora. Motion by Gooding/Frank to send R2023-05-10 back to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion on proposed amendments. Following discussion, the motion failed by an electronic vote 6 ayes (Guy Gooding, Tim Cole, Al Schreiber, Bart Schindel, Char Meier, Douglas McMahon), 24 nays, 1 abstain (Frank). Discussion resumed by supervisors and several yielded the floor to persons from the public wishing to speak. Supervisor Augustine yielded the floor to Jane Benson. Supervisor Barkhaus yielded to Sheriff Todd Skarban. Schreiber yielded to Mike Feldt. Chair Sleeter yielded to Mark Smith and Bill Honrath.

Recess 11:52 a.m.

Motion by Frank/Dhuey to amend line 32 to read “WHEREAS, the people of Oconto County derive economic benefit from all forms of legal firearms”. The motion was voted on and carried. Following further discussion, motion by Barkhaus/Parmentier to insert “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state legislators who represent all or part of Oconto County” on line 44. The motion was voted on and carried. Motion by Barkhaus/Schneider to amend line 38 to read “and further makes clear that all lawmakers are hereby urged to shall honor the Second Amendment, as well as”. Following discussion, the motion was voted on and failed. Motion by Barkhaus/Schneider to amend line 38 to read “and further makes clear that all lawmakers are hereby urged to honor the Second Amendment, as well as”. The motion was voted on and carried. Following comments by Pritzl, motion by Holman/Willems to amend lines 37-39 to read “opposes the enactment of any legislation unlawfully not lawfully enacted by the people through their elected legislative representatives infringing on our rights under the Second Amendment, and further makes clear that all lawmakers are hereby urged to honor the Second Amendment, as well as Article 1,”. The motion was voted on and carried. Supervisor Dhuey yielded the floor to Mike Trudell. Following comment, the motion to approve R2023-05-10, as amended, carried by an electronic vote 29 ayes, 1 nay (Sleeter), 1 abstain (Gooding).
Chair Sleeter called for a 15-minute recess at 12:21 p.m.  
The meeting resumed at 12:36 p.m.

14. Wisconsin Counties - Association Presentation – Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf, Director of Outreach & Member Engagement  
Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf, Wisconsin Counties Association Director of Outreach & Member Engagement presented information on open meeting laws.

15. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)  
- Kim Pytleski, County Clerk, circulated the new mileage reimbursement form for supervisor signatures.  
- Christopher Brooks, Oconto County Child Support Agency Director, received the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Certificate of Outstanding Achievement Award. Oconto County was one of eight child support agencies honored this year. Round of applause followed.  
- Supervisor Lavarda announced the groundbreaking of the new Oconto Falls fire station to be held June 13, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
- Supervisor Ragen announced the Lena Legion Post 342 100-year celebration to be held Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.  
- Supervisor Ondik announced this week is National Law Enforcement week and next week is National EMS week.

16. Adjournment  
Chair Sleeter declared the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

The next meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors will be June 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Proceedings of County Board meeting may be viewed in its entirety at [www.co.oconto.wi.us](http://www.co.oconto.wi.us).

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk

kp/Date Posted: 05/22/2023
ORDINANCE – O2023-05-01

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Chapter 5 – Land Sale County Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed Chapter 5 – County Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101 and recommends the following amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 5, County Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101 is amended as follows:

5.101 ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION OF TAX LIENS AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE

(a) Statutory Authorization. Oconto County collects delinquent taxes according to the provisions of Chapter 75, Wis. Stats. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization contained in Wis. Stats. Sec. 75.521 and Wis. Stats. Sec. 75.69.

(b) Areas To Be Regulated. All lands within the boundaries of Oconto County are subject to the terms of this ordinance.

(c) Administration. The administration of this ordinance is assigned to the Finance/Insurance Administration Committee of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. The County Clerk is authorized to execute all necessary conveyances to purchasers and to former owners as permitted herein upon the approval of said conveyance by the Finance/Insurance Committee. The Treasurer of Oconto County is hereby authorized to manage all tax-deeded lands of this County, and conduct negotiations for the sale of such lands. Tax-deeded lands may be sold by open or closed bid, at the Treasurer’s discretion.

(d) In Rem Foreclosure. From and after March 1, 2021, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors elects to adopt the provisions of Section 75.521, Wis. Stats., for the purpose of enforcing tax liens in such county in the cases where the procedure provided by such section is applicable.

Upon the adoption of such ordinance, the provisions of this section shall be applicable to such county and the treasurer need not, thereafter, proceed upon its tax certificate in cases where this section is applicable in any of the other methods provided by Wis. Stats. Sec. 75 or its charter provisions but may do so at the treasurer’s option.

(e) Procedures. Real estate to which the County has acquired title by delinquent tax procedures may be sold only under the procedures of this Section.

(1) Appraisal

(A) Before placing a parcel for sale, the power of this County Board to appraise tax-deeded lands is hereby delegated to a Certified Appraiser. Minimum bids will be reviewed and approved by the Administration Committee before such sale. Finance/Insurance Committee at its discretion may determine the appraised value of the parcel or may have an appraisal made by a certified appraiser. Statute 75.69 (1).

(B) Parcels which have been advertised for sale by a Class 3 publication at least once may have the appraisals (minimum bids) for such parcels adjusted and approved.
(2) Notice of Sale. Public notice of the sale of real estate shall be made by publishing a Class 3 notice, under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats., in a newspaper of general circulation within the County. Notice shall also be given to the clerk of the city, village, or town in which the real estate is situated at least three (3) weeks prior to the sale, pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 75.69(1) and (4).

Prior to offering tax delinquent parcels for public sale in the first attempt, the Administration Committee may accept an offer to purchase from a municipality, the State of Wisconsin or the U.S. Government for any value which is deemed by the Committee to serve the interests of Oconto County.

(3) Type of Sale

(A) (i) The County Treasurer shall send all tax deeded parcels to Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction.

(ii) On the first occasion any parcel is held for sale, no bid shall be awarded or accepted by the County Treasurer for less than the appraised value, or minimum bid set by the Administration Committee, of the parcel approved by the Committee. The sale and the award to the successful bidder shall be approved by the Finance/Insurance Committee.

(ii)(iii) In the event the bidder fails to close the sale of the property by providing the balance due within ten (10) days, the parcel will then be re-listed on the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction.

(iv) No property may be sold for an amount less than the amount of the highest bid, unless the Administration Committee prepares a written statement, available for public inspection, explaining the reasons for accepting a bid less than the highest bid.

(B) If no bids are received, or the bids received are less than the appraised value, after publication of the Class 3 notice, the sale of the property shall then be advertised by publication of a Class 1 notice, under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats., in a newspaper or official circulation within the County.

(C) If no bids are received or the bids received are less than the appraised value after publication of the Class 1 notice, the Committee may offer a parcel for sale through real estate brokers, advertisements or other appropriate means.

(D) After a parcel has been advertised for sale at the appraised value, a list of the available parcels shall be maintained and shall remain for sale. Bids shall be taken up by the Finance/Insurance Committee at the regular monthly Committee meeting. For these parcels, the Committee is authorized to accept any bid which is determined to serve the interests of Oconto County. No bids on these parcels shall be accepted after November 30th of the year preceding the regularly scheduled Land Sale in May of each year.

(E) Prior to offering tax delinquent parcels for public sale in the first instance, the Committee may accept an offer to purchase from a municipality, the State of Wisconsin or the U.S. Government for any value which is deemed to serve the interests of Oconto County.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take affect after passage and publication as provided by law.
Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Alan Sleeter, Chair
Dennis Kroll
Gary Frank
John Matravers
Char Meier
Theresa Willems

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF OCONTO

I, Kim Pytleski, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the original now on file in the office of the County Clerk and that it was adopted by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on this date. DATE: 05/18/2023 Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Oconto County Youth Fair Show Ring Project

WHEREAS, Oconto County has been allocated and received $7,367,458 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds can be used for a government purpose assigned to the unit of government receiving funds; and

WHEREAS, county funding for fairgrounds and fairs is a government purpose, authorized under Wis. Stats. §59.56(14); and

WHEREAS, the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. generated $292,745.90 in net sale proceeds from the Sale of Champions and Youth Cake auction in 2022; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1,000 people attend the fair daily during the event; and

WHEREAS, Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. representatives have come before the Administration Committee and outlined the building plan to expand the show ring area at the fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. representatives have requested the County pledge support to the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. project in an amount not to exceed $44,456.40; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project cost is $148,188 and ARPA Funds will not exceed 30% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. will have 20% of the project cost available to start construction; and

WHEREAS, the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. is a non-profit or government entity; and

WHEREAS, no additional operating funds will be made available to Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. after project completion; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of Oconto County support will be a maximum of $44,456.40, and sufficient ARPA funds (previously allocated as lost revenue or capital projects to be determined) are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve amending the American Rescue Plan Act plan to include up to $44,456.40 for the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. fairgrounds show ring project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oconto County Finance Director, County Administrator and Treasurer are authorized to release the funding after receiving confirmation from the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. that funds for the full project cost have been committed.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
  Alan Sleeter, Chair
  Dennis Kroll
  Gary Frank
  Teri Willems
  Char Meier
  John Matravers

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.09.2023 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

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COUNTY OF OCONTO
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RESOLUTION – R2023-05-02

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Establishment of a Broadband Taskforce for the BEAD Planning Grant

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Counties were provided with the opportunity to submit a letter of intent to participate and receive a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) local planning grant to assist counties in efforts to define the need, vision and strategy for broadband deployment; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a task force to identify and coordinate the activities of the BEAD Planning Grant, and make recommendations to the Oconto County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, activities of this task force include stakeholder outreach and engagement to identify barriers to broadband adoption, identifying existing broadband projects, supporting the development of maps that capture equity, access and deployment challenges, developing broadband related speed testing and surveys to guide future projects and priorities, and developing the vision of broadband service in Oconto County

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds to support the activities of the taskforce through the BEAD Planning Grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish a Broadband Taskforce for the BEAD Planning Grant with the following members:

- County Board Supervisor from Property & Technology Committee
- County Board Supervisor (at large)
- City Representation—Elected Official or Administrative Official
- Village Representation—Elected Official or Administrative Official
- Town Representation (2)
- Oconto County Economic Development Representation (1)
- School District Representation (1)
- Healthcare Sector Representation (1)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors authorizes the payment of per-diems for meeting attendance in the amount of $60.00 for County Board Supervisors and members of the public who are otherwise uncompensated for their participation.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Alan Sleeter, Chair Dennis Kroll
Doug McMahon, Chair Guy Gooding
Gary Frank Richard Pillsbury
John Matravers John Wittkopf
Char Meier Brandon Dhuey
Theresa Willems

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.03.2023 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

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COUNTY OF OCONTO
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RESOLUTION – R2023-05-03

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Building “B” Roof Replacement Project

WHEREAS, Resolution #2022-05-02 approved the bid from Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC to replace the roof on Building B in the amount of $34,000.00; and

WHEREAS, due to the condition of the roof on Building B, Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC needed to do a 100% tear off of the roof, increasing the original bid from $34,000.00 to $40,850.00; and

WHEREAS, there is $50,000.00 in the 2023 budget for the Building “B” Roof Replacement project (from 2022 carry over); and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of this project will require an additional $6,850.00 to come from account #100-26-57140-58200 (capital outlay +%5,000).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the additional payment of $6,850.00 to Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC for the roof repair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk execute the agreement with Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC for Oconto County and that the County Clerk pay the additional amount invoiced.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Doug McMahon, Chair
Guy Gooding
Richard Pillsbury
John Wittkopf
Brandon Dhuey

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

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COUNTY OF OCONTO
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To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Approval of Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (Bead) Planning Grant and Memorandum of Understanding

WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties were provided with the opportunity to submit a letter of intent to participate and receive a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) local planning grant to assist counties in efforts to define the need, vision and strategy for broadband deployment; and

WHEREAS, counties were offered an incentive of 10% if they elected to participate in the program through a Regional Development organization ("REDO"). For Oconto County, the REDO is New North, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a template Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use by participating counties that identifies the responsibilities of the counties and New North in completing the activities of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the New North region is allocated $302,567.25 for the BEAD Planning Grant, with $30,000 for New North to provide contract administration, financing, audit, reporting, and serving as the state agencies’ point of contact; and

WHEREAS, Oconto County is allocated $15,000 for performing the county responsibilities under the BEAD Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, Oconto County will provide $5,000 for additional shared regional support for a shared mapping position for the purposes of this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the acceptance of the BEAD Planning Grant award and the Memorandum of Understanding between Oconto County and New North, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Oconto County Chair, Clerk and County Administrator are authorized to sign all documents and agreements pursuant to the grant award and activities.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Doug McMahon, Chair
Guy Gooding
Richard Pillsbury
John Wittkopf
Brandon Dhuey

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.01.2023 - BLE
Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

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COUNTY OF OCONTO
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RESOLUTION – R2023-05-05

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Approval of the Purchase of a Towable Tandem Trailer for Transporting Emergency Radio Tower Backup Generator

WHEREAS, The County Board previously approved generators for the Emergency Radio Tower sites; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to provide an emergency backup generator at any of the given Emergency Radio Tower site when needed; and

WHEREAS, In order to transport the emergency backup generator to any of the Emergency Radio Tower sites within the County a towable tandem trailer is needed; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact is not to exceed $5,000.00 to be designated from the ARPA Funds allocated to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board of Supervisors approves the purchase of a Towable Tandem Trailer for Transporting Emergency Radio Tower Backup Generator for a cost not to exceed $5,000 from the ARPA funds allocated to the county.

Submitted this 18th day of May 2023.

By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dennis Kroll Chair
Don Bartels, Jr.
David Parmentier
Tracy S. Ondik
Al Schreiber

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

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RESOLUTION – R2023-05-06

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee

WHEREAS, Oconto County joined other units of government in Wisconsin and other states in holding opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers accountable for their role in the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, opioid use has created a burden on many functions of county government including law enforcement, human services, courts, and the medical examiner; and

WHEREAS, opioid use has harmed communities, individuals and families and continues to do so; and

WHEREAS, Oconto County is scheduled to receive settlements from manufacturers, distributors and retailers to resolve litigation related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the use of these funds is prescribed by an exhibit to the settlement documents as attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, engaging the County Board Supervisors, Elected Officials, Department Heads and Community Members is needed to develop a plan for the use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the formation of an Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee as outlined in the attached document for the purposes of providing recommendations for the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on the use of funds from the opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors authorizes the payment of per-diems for meeting attendance in the amount of $60.00 for County Board Supervisors and members of the public who are otherwise uncompensated for their participation.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Alan Sleeter, Chair
Dennis Kroll
Gary Frank
John Matravers
Char Meier
Theresa Willems

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

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RESOLUTION - R2023-05-08

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Supporting Application for a 2024 Agricultural and Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Grant

WHEREAS, Marinette and Oconto County are concerned with the potential for improper disposal of Agricultural and Household Hazardous Waste within each county’s jurisdiction into the MAROCO landfill; and

WHEREAS, the County staff has had numerous citizens’ requests, as well as support and encouragement from municipalities in the County to conduct another Clean Sweep Event; and

WHEREAS, Clean Sweep Events offer education and assistance to citizens in the identification, proper handling and disposal of household and agricultural hazardous waste through distribution of public information materials, presentations to citizens and a designated day(s) for the collection and disposal of household and agricultural hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, a Clean Sweep Event will further provide services to small businesses known as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG’s); and

WHEREAS, the Marinette and Oconto County Boards have demonstrated their support for Clean Sweep Events in the past by sponsoring and successfully collaborating on five (5) Clean Sweep Events since 1997, with the latest event held in 2019, to the benefit of both Counties and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection’s (DATCP) Clean Sweep grant application deadline is May 26, 2023 for counties planning a 2024 Clean Sweep Event; and

WHEREAS, the Oconto County Land & Water Resources Committee recommends that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors support an application for a DATCP Clean Sweep Grant, and contingent upon receipt of the grant, support funding Oconto County’s share of program costs not reimbursed by the grant, when reviewing the 2024 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, a Clean Sweep Team will be created to oversee the Clean Sweep Program consisting of the Marinette County Land Information Director, Assistant Director and Waste Facility Manager; Oconto County Solid Waste Administrator and Conservationist; and Marinette and Oconto County UW Extension Agents; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact to Oconto County for the required grant matching funds is anticipated to be up to $20,000 for a yet to be reviewed and approved 2024 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Oconto County staff to participate in developing a DATCP Clean Sweep grant application with the intent of administering a Clean Sweep Event in the spring of 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marinette and Oconto Counties will maintain records documenting expenditures made throughout the Clean Sweep Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Solid Waste Administrator will be the Grant Coordinator for the multi-county Clean Sweep Grant Application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Marinette and Oconto Counties, through their Land Information, UW-Extension and Land & Water Resources Departments, local governments and civic organizations will continue ongoing public education programs on the proper handling, storage and disposal of household hazardous wastes.
Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Chris Augustine
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczrowski

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 04.18.2023 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF OCONTO

I, Kim Pytleski, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the original now on file in the office of the County Clerk and that it was adopted by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on this date. DATE: 05/18/2023 Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
RESOLUTION – R2023-05-09

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Resolution Requesting the State take Action in Support of County Criminal Justice Systems

WHEREAS, Oconto County, like other counties in the State of Wisconsin, is currently subject to various unfunded state mandates, resulting in our County Courts being forced to appoint defense counsel at Oconto County (instead of State) expense; and

WHEREAS, Oconto County’s criminal justice system has been woefully underfunded, understaffed, and overworked, especially since the COVID-19 Pandemic. The County is currently experiencing a ballooning amount of unresolved cases, including a backlog of numerous unissued referrals, which makes the task of recruiting local prosecutors and public defenders extremely difficult; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that Oconto County be provided with the tools and investments it needs from the State of Wisconsin to ensure it can meet its constitutional obligations to all Oconto County citizens currently impacted by the slogged scales of justice, and we ask that the State consider the following requests when developing its 2023-25 biennial budget: 1) Increase starting prosecutor and public defender pay to $35.00 per hour; 2) Increase all current prosecutors and public defenders pay by $7.76 per hour; 3) Fully fund merit-based pay progression at up to 10% per prosecutor; 4) Increase the number of assistant district attorney positions within the Oconto County District Attorney’s Office; 5) Increase the number of State Public Defender staff located in its Peshtigo office which serves both Oconto and Marinette Counties; and 6) provide $5,000,000 annually as reimbursements to counties across the state to cover their costs of providing court appointed counsel to defendants when the Public Defender’s Office does not; and

WHEREAS, there are certain court user fees in Oconto County that have not been adjusted since the 1980s. While user fees have remained stagnant, the costs of running our courts have increased dramatically. That financial hole, which is supposed to be filled by state dollars, is instead being filled with local funds, and we ask that the State consider the following requests when developing its 2023-25 biennial budget: 1) Increase the jury demand fee to between $96 and $192; 2) Increase the ‘service by mail fee’ to $7 or more; 3) Increase the foreign judgments fee to $25; 4) Increase the transcripts from judgment ‘fee to $10; and 5) Increase local assistance payments to cover the increased costs of providing court interpreters and Guardians ad Litem (GALs); and

WHEREAS, we also ask that the State consider other ways to help address the current backlog of cases in Oconto County and to make our criminal justice system more efficient, including but not limited to: 1) Creating legislation to encourage more video conferencing (e.g., for all status conferences and pretrials), which would increase the pool of attorneys willing to take (even out of county) cases, and would save on costs of transporting defendants; and 2) Contracting directly with law firms to streamline the public defender appointment process as the State of Minnesota currently does.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby directs that a copy of this resolution shall be emailed by the County Clerk to the following for consideration: 1) the Governor of the State of Wisconsin; 2) State Senators and State Representatives representing Oconto County; 3) the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration; 4) the Wisconsin State Legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance; and 5) the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Dennis Kroll, Chair
Don Bartels, Jr.
David Parmentier
Tracy S. Ondik
Al Schreiber

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 04.27.2023 - BLE
Adopted by an electronic vote: 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF OCONTO
I, Kim Pytleski, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the original now on file in the office of the County Clerk and that it was adopted by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on this date. DATE: 05/18/2023 Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
ORDER 2023-02

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Order by Oconto County Board of Supervisors Establishing the following Public Inland Lake District: White Potato Lake District, Oconto County, Wisconsin

WHEREAS, a petition was filed with the Oconto County Clerk on March 29, 2023 requesting the establishment of the White Potato Inland Lake District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §33.26(2), a public hearing was held at the Brazeau Town Hall, 10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI on April 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at which time the public was invited to attend and be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Oconto County Land & Water Resource Committee, after considering the petition and all the testimony offered at the April 19, 2023 public hearing, has recommended approval of the petition to the Oconto County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD MAKES FINDINGS AND ORDERS, AS FOLLOWS:

FINDINGS

a) The petition has been signed by the requisite number of landowners.
b) The appropriate notice of public hearing was published or mailed.
c) The public hearing was held not later than 30 days from the date of presentation of the petition to the Oconto County Clerk.
d) The appropriate committee was appointed and reported to the Oconto County Board within three (3) months after the date of the public hearing.
e) This order is issued within six (6) months after the date of the public hearing.
f) The establishment of the proposed Lake District is necessary.
g) The public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the district.
h) The real property included in the district will be benefited by the establishment of the district.

ORDER

i) A public inland lake district is established for the area described in the attachment, which encompasses within its boundaries all of the frontage of White Potato Lake, a public inland lake located in the Town of Brazeau, Oconto County, Wisconsin.

j) The corporate name of the public inland lake district is White Potato Lake District.

k) The boundaries of the district are as attached and all described lands are located in part of the Town of Brazeau, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §33.27, the following individuals are appointed by the County Administrator and confirmed by this order to serve as commissioners for the initial White Potato Lake District Board of Commissioners until the first annual meeting of the district:

Bob Wittmann, 9362 West Lake Drive, Pound, WI 54161
Gwen Schaefer, 13205 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161
Mark Wildenberg, 9361 West Lake Drive, Pound, WI 54161;

The following officials will serve on the Commission for their statutory terms:

County Board Supervisor
(Appointed by the County Administrator and confirmed by the County Board)

Town of Brazeau Supervisor
(Appointed by the Town Board within 30 days of Lake District being established)

Dated this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: Alan Sleeter, Chair
Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
Oconto County

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel - BLE
Adopted by an electronic vote: 31 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF OCONTO

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APPOINTMENT

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Appointment – Library Planning Committee

I have formally appointed the following to the Library Planning Committee as authorized by Resolution 2023-04-04:

Debra Schroeder, Farnsworth (Oconto) Public Library
Dawn Byars, Gillett Public Library
Kathleen Marsh, Lakes Country Library
Judy Patenaude, Lena Public Library
Susan Mogged, Oconto Falls Library
LoAnn Elbe, Suring Library
Joan Denis, Nicolet Federated Library System Board Representative
Vicki Gooding, Library Services Board-At Large
Al Sleeter, Administration Committee
Tom Bitters, David Parmentier, County Board Supervisor-Served by a Library
Chris Augustine, County Board Supervisor-Not Served by a Library

Members will serve until completion of the 2025-2029 plan and hereby ask for confirmation.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023

By: Erik Pritzl, County Administrator

Adopted by an electronic vote: 29 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent, 1 Abstain, 0 Vacant

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF OCONTO

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APPOINTMENT

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Appointment – White Potato Lake District Board of Commissioners

Following passage of Order 2023-2 Order by Oconto County Board of Supervisors establishing the following Public Inland Lake District: White Potato Lake District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, and in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 33, I have formally appointed County Board Supervisor Keith Schneider, Oconto Falls, WI to the White Potato Lake District Board as a commissioner with a term ending April 16, 2024 and hereby ask for confirmation.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023

By: Erik Pritzl, County Administrator

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE 57
Adopted by an electronic vote: 29 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF OCONTO
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RESOLUTION – R2023-05-07

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Approval of Proposal and Agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. for Campground Development

WHEREAS, the County is looking to enter into an agreement based on proposal submitted April 17, 2023 for the purposes of performing design fit plan, conceptual design, construction plans, bidding, and administration of construction for a proposed ATV Park to develop an ATV focused Campground, Trailhead and Parking Lot in the SESE of Section 28, T32N R16E in the Town of Riverview; and

WHEREAS, the cost of labor and materials will be billed based on actual time and material spent on the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed level of effort estimate is 802 hours at a cost of $119,820 over the entire project; and

WHEREAS, the project for 2023 consists of design fit plan and conceptual design phases in order to submit grant applications in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County has budgeted total of $400,000 to this project utilizing ARPA funding with $67,000 allocated to the 2023 budget; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact for 2023 will be up to $67,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the proposal submitted by Scott Elliott Hendrickson Inc. located at 316 North Milwaukee Street Suite 302, Landmark Building in Milwaukee, WI 53202-5888 and authorize its Forest and Parks Administrator to act on behalf of Oconto County to take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the agreement and project.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Chris Augustine
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczrowski

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE

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To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: To Declare Oconto County’s Support of the People’s Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms, While Supporting Advancements in Education on Firearm Safety

WHEREAS, the recent tragedies have created a visceral awareness of our personal vulnerability. These events are magnified by the targeting of innocent children in a setting that was thought to be a safe haven and not the stage for evil opportunists to perpetrate unspeakable acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, this revelation of vulnerability has created a call for action. This Oconto County Board of Supervisors join the Sheriff and feel now is the time to discuss violence in its totality, not simply as an issue of gun violence. Violence is a result of a breakdown on many fronts. The lack of faith, the eroding of family values, the involvement in gangs, sex trafficking, the abuse and sale of illegal drugs, the lack of proper mental health treatment, the lack of education and guidance within our educational system as it relates to safe firearm use, storage and handling. The discussions must continue in our community from all disciplines who are dedicated to addressing the complex issues related to our safety; and

WHEREAS, an unlawful act of violence hatched in the mind and heart of an individual with the specific intent to harm others makes the individual responsible for the criminal act regardless of the type of weapon used in commission of the crime.

WHEREAS, the duly elected Sheriff, and the Oconto County Board are committed to the ongoing work in taking a lead role in facilitating the discussion in our community and pledge to collaborate at all levels with those stakeholders to identify, isolate and work toward solutions for the complex issues of violence; and

WHEREAS, the right of the people to keep and bear arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an inalienable right by Oconto County; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oconto County derive economic benefit from all forms of legal firearms use, including for recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Oconto County, using all types of firearms allowed under the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors, that it hereby opposes the enactment of any legislation unlawfully not lawfully enacted by the people through their elected legislative representatives infringing on our rights under the Second Amendment, and further makes clear that all lawmakers are hereby urged to honor the Second Amendment, as well as Article 1, Section 25 of the Wisconsin Constitution, and to be vigilant in their duty to avoid improperly or unconstitutionally abridging a citizen’s right thereunder to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board, hearing the will of its constituents, hereby declares Oconto County to be a Second Amendment Preservation County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state legislators who represent all or part of Oconto County.

Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dennis Kroll, Chair
Don Bartels, Jr.
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